



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98-385-I)

PATENT

In re Application of: Hauptmann et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/898,234 ) Before the Examiner: E. O'Hara  
Filed: July 3, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding )  
Proteins and DNAs Coding For Them )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 20, 2003**

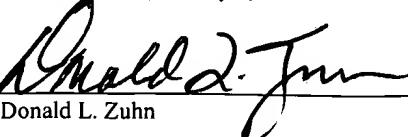
Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-4.

**Remarks:** Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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